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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM REPORTS ON UNGA

1. SUMMARY: BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: ON OCTOBER 5, SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ABDUL KHALIM KHADDAM HELD PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE DISCUSSED HIS ACTIVITIES AT UNGA. KHADDAM OUTLINED INSTRUCTIONS HE HAD RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT ASAD TO MAINTAIN INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS OF ISRAELI AGGRESSIVE INTENT AND TO WIN UN AGREEMENT TO INSCRIPTION OF PALESTINIAN QUESTION ON AGENDA. HE ASSERTED SYRIAN MISSION HAD TAKEN LEAD ON THESE ISSUES AS WELL AS ON MAINTAINING ARAB UNITY AND THAT RESULTS HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL. END SUMMARY.

2. KHADDAM NOTED THAT THIS SESSION OF UNGA WAS SIGNIFICANT AS FIRST SESSION SINCE OCTOBER WAR. HE ALSO SAID QUESTIONS OF PALESTINE AND CYPRUS UNDERSCORED PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE OF PRESENT SESSION. FONMIN SAID PRESIDENT ASAD HIMSELF HAD ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO SYRIAN

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DELEGATION. THESE INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDED: (A) TO STRESS

"GRAVENESS OF CONTINUING ISRAELI AGGRESSION AND ISRAEL'S REFUSAL TO RESPECT UN CHARTER...", (B) TO SUBMIT PALESTINIAN QUESTION WITH ITS "HISTORICAL, POLITICAL, AND JUDICIAL DIMENSIONS," (C) TO FOCUS LIGHT ON ILLEGALITY OF ISRAEL'S MEMBERSHIP IN UN SINCE ITS ORIGINAL MEMBERSHIP CONDITIONED ON ITS IMPLEMENTATION OF GA RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO PALESTINIAN QUESTION, AND (D) TO MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE AND ACTIVE ARAB COORDINATION FOR MAXIMUM POLITICAL GAINS.

3. KHADDAM SAID SYRIAN DELEGATION HAD BEEN VERY ACTIVE TO THESE ENDS. HE DESCRIBED MEETING OF COORDINATION BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED STATES WHICH ADOPTED SYRIAN-SPONSORED RESOLUTION INVITING PLO TO PRESENT PALESTINIAN POSITION BEFORE UNGA. FONMIN STATED WITHOUT EQUIVOCATION THAT "PLO REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE INVITED BY MAJORITY AND THAT RESOLUTION SATISFACTORY ON PALESTINIAN QUESTION AND ISRAELI AGGRESSION" WILL BE PASSED.

4. FONMIN, IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS UN SPEECH AND ILLEGALITY OF ISRAELI PRESENCE IN UN, NOTED THAT THERE WERE DISCUSSIONS UNDERWAY ON THIS SUBJECT, PARTICULARLY AFTER UN PASSED RESOLUTION SAYING REPRESENTATIVE OF SOUTH AFRICA DOES NOT REPRESENT PEOPLE OF THAT STATE. THIS DECISION MEANT "UN WAS ABLE TO LEAVE BEHIND ERA OF BIG-POWER PRESSURE EXERCISED TO PREVENT GA FROM TAKING EXECUTORY AND EFFECTIVE RESOLUTIONS."

5. KHADDAM MADE SOME INCIDENTAL REMARKS ABOUT ARAB UNITY. HE SAID SYRIANS HAD MADE GREAT EFFORT IN THIS FIELD AND "ACHIEVED GOOD RESULTS." HE ADDED IT WAS SYRIAN HOPE THAT ARAB SUMMIT IN RABAT "WILL REALIZE ADDITIONAL STEPS" TOWARD ARAB SOLIDARITY.

6. PRESS ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT KHADDAM'S MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. HE REPLIED, "WE DISCUSSED SITUATION IN AREA AND WE SHALL CONTINUE THIS DISCUSSION WHEN HE VISITS DAMASCUS." ON UNDOF AND ITS CONTINUATION, KHADDAM REFERRED REPORTERS TO "A RECENT PRESS INTERVIEW GIVEN BY ASAD." END UNCLASSIFIED

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7. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: COMMENT: PRESS CONFERENCE BROKE LITTLE NEW GROUND. WE PRESUME KHADDAM WAS GRANDSTANDING FOR HOME CONSUMPTION WHEN HE DESCRIBED SYRIA AS PRIME MOVER IN PALESTINIAN DEBATE.  
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